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## 5 Million Unemployed By January— Need 30 Hour Week At 40 Hours Pay

### HANDS OFF CUBA

#### Don't Let The Marines Do This Again!

(Below is the first-hand account of a Marine Corps General, as given to Liberty Magazine during the Nineteen Thirties, when people were more frank about such things.)

"I spent thirty-three years and four months in active service as a member of our country's most agile military force — the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from a second lieutenant to major general. . . .

"I helped make Mexico, and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. . . .

"I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers (now Brown Brothers and Harriman—Ed.) in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras "right" for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927, I helped to see to it that Standard Oil went on its way unmolested.

"During those years I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals and promotions. Looking back on it, I feel I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three city districts. We Marines operated on three continents."

—Maj. Gen. Smedly D. Butler,  
U.S. Marine Corps

### But Kennedy Opposes Any Such "Radical" Solution While Lame Duck Eisenhower Couldn't Care Less

Palm Beach, Florida—From his palatial home in jimcrow Florida, Kennedy releases salvos of publicity and statesmanship, one of the latest being how he's going to solve the growing crisis in unemployment.

*He's appointing a committee!*

And the committee, under the leadership of Senator Paul Douglas, will "work toward these objectives":

"Spur economic growth in areas of chronic unemployment, encourage new job opportunities there, and stimulate investment in new industry."

A worthy aim indeed! But let's see what the Kennedy Administration is going to do besides appointing committees to "study the situation."

Official sources now predict 5 million unemployed workers in January—not only in "areas of chronic unemployment," but all over the country.

Kennedy's only concrete plan to alleviate unemployment is his proposition to spend \$3 billion for additional war preparations.

This might put more people to work, it is true — assuming it doesn't get everybody blown to pieces in an atomic

war.

But just how will even this much money put 5 million people to work? The wages for that many people at the so-called U.S. average, come to about \$20 billion, not \$3 billion! And that doesn't allow anything left over for the profits of Kennedy's (and Eisenhower's) good capitalist friends.

Kennedy knows perfectly well that the real cause of unemployment is capitalist "overproduction." And he knows that a 30-hour week at 40 hours pay would put the unemployed to work.

He gave his answer on this, clear and unmistakable, at the steelworkers convention last summer. He said he was squarely opposed to the 30-hour week.

Kennedy's committee on unemployment is a conscious and deliberate fraud.

## Lumumba Beaten and Tortured As Imperialist U.N. "Deplores" It

Patrice Lumumba, the legally elected and illegally deposed nationalist Premier of the Congo, has been beaten and tortured along with many of his anti-imperialist supporters.

The blame for this lies squarely on U.S. imperialism and its military instrument in the Congo — "the U.N. forces."

Lumumba recently escaped from his captivity, and fled to the interior where he no doubt could have led a fight for genuine freedom and independence — from the United States as well as Belgium.

The Mobutu forces, secretly armed by the Belgians (who in turn are openly "aided" by the U.S.) recaptured him and submitted him to the extreme personal indignity, beating and torture.

The so-called "United Nations," whose armed forces on the scene are much greater than Mobutu's — hypocritically "deplored" Lumumba's treatment. But considering that it was Lumumba's government that called them into the Congo in the first place, it is significant that they made no move whatsoever to really protect, much less to liberate Lumumba.

This is because Mobutu, the army dictator, is carrying out the policy of imperialism and protecting the immense wealth of the Congo for the Belgians and Americans. And Lumumba wants a Congo for the Congolese.

On December 5, the Soviet Union correctly blamed the United States Government for "flagrant interference in the affairs of the Congo." But in the same statement the Soviet continued to cover up the fact that the U.N. itself is only an instrument of United

States policy and that this is especially true in the Congo.

Along with the above statement, the Soviet outlined a five-point program for restoring "normal order" in the Congo. This program calls for the evacuation of all Belgian military and civilian personnel, which is an excellent demand. But the question every Congo worker wants answered is: "Why hasn't the U.N. done this after being called in for that purpose?"

The program also calls for the release of Lumumba and the restoration of the Lumumba government. This is certainly a progressive demand too. And it is highly welcome that a great country like the Soviet Union should use its influence for this end.

But the program goes on to call upon the United Nations command in the Congo to disarm Mobutu's forces. This is like calling on a wolf to pull out its own teeth!

The Ghana and Guinea contingents of the U.N. in the Congo could easily disarm Mobutu's forces. But only if they broke cleanly from the policies of the imperialist United Nations.

Lumumba's forces in Stanleyville, especially with the mass support which they would get, could also disarm and defeat Mobutu — if the U.N. would allow them to.

The 20,000 U.N. troops in the Congo are nothing but the long arm of U.S. imperialism holding down the black masses and perpetuating colonial slavery.

Only when the Congo people finally learn that this is so—only then, will Mobutu be overthrown, Lumumba restored, and the Congo free.

## Southern Leader Advocates Defense Guards to Fight Racists

Atlanta, Ga.

The issue of Defense Guards and other related questions in the struggle against the white-supremacist ruling class, was vigorously raised in Atlanta at a public discussion held here December 2nd. It took place at Atlanta University Center's monthly Town Meeting.

According to the Atlanta Daily World of December 3rd, the audience heard "a heated discussion between the advocates of the non-violent," and what the newspaper termed the "forceful, violent, revolutionary social changes."

The meeting came on the heels of the growing wave of terror organized by the white-supremacist ruling class, which is pushing to the forefront the question of tactics and strategy in the liberation struggle—particularly in the large southern cities.

Atlanta, which has been the scene of protest demonstrations and sit-ins by students, heard a prominent fighter in the struggle, advocate the organization of armed defense guards as the best method of meeting the racist attacks.

The Atlanta Daily World reported: "The meeting started out as a discussion on 'Non-violence and Social Change' by two students and two instructors of the Center. However, after the students gave their views, it was a match between Dr. Samuel W. Williams, for non-violence, and Dr. Lonnie

Cross, who proposed a 'defense guard'."

According to observers at the meeting, the overwhelming majority of the audience favored the point of view expressed by Dr. Lonnie Cross. This was evidenced by the applause which Dr. Cross's presentation elicited.

The Daily World stated that, "Dr. Cross, a mathematics instructor at Atlanta University, blasted the 'black bourgeoisie' for its support of non-violence, and urged 'mass action' of arming the people for self-preservation."

The World further went on to quote Dr. Cross as follows: "Force is the instrument by which social change is instituted," he stated. He said that the masses of Negroes are sick and tired of non-violence and the snail's pace of integration. "The masses of people do not go along with non-violence," Dr. Cross said.

He cited the example of how the people in Monroe, North Carolina under the leadership of Robert Williams, "defended themselves from a Klan attack three years ago." He added the fact "that neighbors had offered arms to him (Dr. Cross) when a cross was burned on his lawn recently."

The extraordinary discussion evoked unusual participation from the audience. The Moderator of the panel, Dr. Samuel D. Cook, described the session as the "liveliest" since the inception of the University's "Town Meeting."



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# All-White Jury vs. Hulan Jack

An all-white jury (*in the North!*) railroaded Hulan Jack — stripped him of his high office as Borough President of Manhattan and threatened him with imprisonment.

Jack's alleged crime is his acceptance of a \$4,400 renovation of his apartment by a contracting firm which wanted city contracts.

While the all-white jury was "impartially" considering the case, and at the same time the New York papers were howling for Jack's blood "regardless of any considerations of race," there was some interesting news about the white Mayor of New York.

Robert F. Wagner, a member of the same political party as Hulan Jack by the way, was reported to have a \$2,000 a month bill at the grocery store with

most of the money paid by the city!

The papers playfully poked the Honorable Wagner's ribs and made little friendly jokes about the big appetites in Gracie Mansion. And perhaps it is true there was no corruption involved in this particular incident.

But suppose Mr. Wagner was of the same race as Mr. Jack. Can't you just imagine the stories about chicken dinners, beer parties and the allegations of "sticky fingers" etc.? And can't you just imagine the effect of this talk on an *all-white jury*?

It's all very well to speak solemnly and "objectively" about not being sorry for Jack on account of his color. But the plain fact remains that race prejudice can get you hung in this capitalist country.

# Hard Hearts Bleed for 'Refugees'

Now the U.S. Government is openly supplying funds to 35,000 counter-revolutionary Cuban "refugees" in Florida!

President Eisenhower has just allocated one million dollars to these people, at the same time branding Cuba as a "Communist-controlled" enemy of the United States. The money comes out of a special \$150 million fund which Eisenhower holds for "special contingencies."

Hundreds of thousands of U.S. workers are running out of unemployment insurance. But Eisenhower can't find money for these involuntary refugees from their jobs. This, you see, is not a "special contingency."

People are being starved in the United States (especially in Tennessee) merely for the crime of voting. Little children are being starved in New Orleans merely for the crime of their color.

But Eisenhower holds fast to the \$150 million. His assistants, at a special hearing last month, were asked point blank to cough up \$25 million of that fund for these children. But in vain. This, too, is not a "special contingency!"

Why are Walter and the other U.S. Congressmen so sorry for the refugees from Cuba and so callous about the refugees from jimcrow persecution inside their own country?

Why has Congress not even passed a resolution condemning the racist mobs' attacks on people that Congress is supposed to represent? And why

has the gov't officially provided a million dollars for the "relief" of the Cuban counter-revolutionaries in Florida?

Why do their hearts turn to stone in the one case and yet bleed so profusely in the other?

The answer is that they are the politicians of the dollar in each case — first, last and all the time.

The answer is that the Wall Street financiers who own the U.S. Government politicians body and soul — want Cuba back under Wall Street's domination.

The answer is that Cuba has gone on strike against the imperialist bosses of U.S. jimcrow capitalism. And 35,000 Cuban strikebreakers are in Florida gathering guns and bombs to break the strike.

That is why Wall Street loves them and will take care of them. That's why they are the apple of Eisenhower's eye.

The war against revolutionary Cuba and the war against the Afroamerican people in the United States — one "legal" and one illegal — are both in reality the same war.

The war against revolutionary Cuba and the war against the American workers are both in reality the same war.

The U.S. aid to the Cuban counter-revolutionaries is part of this war that Wall Street is desperately fighting against the oppressed here and in the whole world.

# How to Unify Africa

Kwame Nkrumah's call last month for an all-African unification was a progressive attempt to build up the dikes against a new inundation from Western imperialism.

Only four months ago, Nkrumah made the costly mistake of aiding the U.S. imperialist-backed U.N. against the infant and then still-free Congo Republic.

At that time, Nkrumah perhaps feared that Lumumba was too far "left" or that the Congo masses would go even farther left than Lumumba and leave no road open for any kind of exploitation in the Congo — black or white.

But it soon became clear that the U.N. was only restoring the Belgian imperialists back to power through their African stooges. Tshombe, Kasavubu and Kalonji. It soon became clear that the United States capitalists could not be used as a counterweight to the Belgian capitalists. They are two of a kind — and like Siamese twins — inseparable.

But Nkrumah has now seen the light and taken a good 45 degree turn to the left. African unification would be an immense fortress against imperialism.

But one thing must be added:

African unification is impossible without breaking the economic power of the imperialists in Africa — that is, without Africa taking back its own mines, plantations and resources.

Otherwise the imperialists will be in a position to forever prevent any such African union.

## Cyrus Eaton

Cyrus Eaton the Midwestern financier, has been talking about peace with the Soviet Union for quite a while now. So the other capitalists, who are rattling their bombs for war, decided to show Cyrus who's boss.

—They took his name out of the Social Register!

# Wall Street Sees Depression And Prepares for War

What is happening to American capitalism and where is it going?

Last month, the official U.S. unemployment mark hit 4 million. This was the greatest number of unemployed for any November since the terrible depression of the Nineteen Thirties.

No other modern, mechanized country in the world has such a disgraceful record of unemployment, least of all, Communist China or the Soviet Union.

And at the same time these appalling unemployment figures were released, it was revealed that the cost of living index had zoomed up to an all-time record!

The cost of living went up when millions were unemployed and other millions were working short weeks and had less money. Less goods were being sold and less business was being transacted, and yet the cost of these goods went up.

Something is wrong with the United States economy. What is it?

Steel production is still around 50 per cent of U.S. producing capacity. Last week less steel was produced in this country than in the Soviet Union during the same week.

(But U.S. capacity for steelmaking is still more than double that of the Soviet Union!)

Two weeks ago, the head of Reynolds Aluminum Company, cautioned the whole aluminum industry against further expansion of its capacity—that is, against building new plants, etc. for the next two years.

Automobile production has increased in the last couple months, but there are still hundreds of thousands of 1960

models unsold. U.S. auto production has never equaled the production of 1955. And European auto production has now for the first time surpassed that of the United States.

On top of this, the United States capitalists have been losing their gold. And gold, in capitalist society, is the essence of everything—more important than love, friendship or patriotism.

The thing that's wrong is deep and organic. It lies in the very heart and nature of the capitalist system and is not at all a temporary or passing phase on the charts and graphs of Wall Street.

Can we then say absolutely that there is going to be a big depression soon?

MAYBE not. But one thing is true just as sure as you're born. And that is that the United States is losing the race with the Soviet Union.

And it's going to keep on losing that race as long as capitalism continues to exist here, because the profit system is on the skids.

United States capitalism is still making lots of profits for itself. But it can no longer dominate the world—as it has to if it wants to keep its capitalist economy going at full speed and full capacity.

That's why there is already a shift from Dollar Diplomacy back to Gunboat Diplomacy. The dollar is weaker now, and it seems to many of the capitalists that guns are stronger. They want to restore the world power situation back in their favor again.

U.S. capitalism is weakening. But it is still strong enough to produce the instruments of death. It is weak—and because of its weakness, plots for war.

## MAIL BAG

### More on name "Negro"

Dear Editor:

I like the *Workers World* newspaper. This is my second year of subscribing. All of the issues are good and some are outstanding.

They are very, very good. For instance, the October 28 issue discussing whether the name "Negro" should be used or discontinued.

All of my life I have hated the slave-owners' name of "Negro", "Colored", "Darky" etc., etc., for the descendants of Africa.

I like *Workers World* as a fighting newspaper for the minorities. I have hated when such outdated names were printed for my people, the African-Americans, in this wonderful paper.

Thank you, Editor, for inviting us to send in our opinions of the name "Negro."

Your faithful reader,  
M.D.W., Seattle, Wash.

### He likes our fervor, but...

Dear Editor:

You boys have lots of revolutionary fervor!

Now if you could just . . . take Lenin and Trotsky off your masthead and put Jefferson and Debs and one of your

own pictures there, then you could get somewhere with your revolutionary ideas. Then you would be real Marxists! And real Leninists!

Of course you are afraid that you'll become like the CPUSA which puts up a picture of Jefferson and then promotes capitalism!

But are you so naive (or fearful?) as to believe that only a photograph separates you from the CPUSA?

It is absolutely anti-Leninist to use Lenin's picture in the USA today and pro-Leninist, not to do so. You, of course do not realize this. . . .

Your revolutionary fervor, if not couched in such weird terms and pictures, would be magnificent.

H.W.W., Boston, Mass.

### Rich Land—Poor Land

In Tanganyika (East Africa), only 450 doctors handle the sicknesses of nine million people.

Tanganyika produces cotton, coffee, ivory, tin, lead, gold and diamonds—all for the British.

But it only produces 450 doctors for itself.

South African diamond miners get an average wage of \$350 per year.

# Free Speech in the "Free" World

In South Viet Nam, the masses of the people have been trying for years to get rid of the Wall Street-financed stooge government of Ngo Diem.

The U.S. capitalist politicians claim, of course, that South Viet Nam is a democracy and Diem is a democratic friend of the people.

Just after Diem was almost overthrown last month, the New York *Herald Tribune* on November 28, revealed just about how much democracy there is in this puppet state.

"In fairness to Diem," says the Trib

"it must be said that the question is not a simple one of freedom versus dictatorship. Diem argues persuasively that the freedom-for-all some of his opponents talk about would open the door for a Communist coup and put an end to even limited liberty.

"He holds that freedom of speech would mean freedom of Communist speech, and suicide (for capitalism!—Ed.), so that a strong central government continues to be necessary."

—Naturally, you can't permit democracy in a place where the workers would use their democracy to kick out their capitalist oppressors!



# Behind The Moscow Conference

By Sam Marcy

It would be foolish in the extreme to regard the Moscow Manifesto as a departure from the recent policies pursued by the world Communist movement.

To be sure, the language employed throughout the long text is considerably more militant in some parts than is the Moscow Declaration of 1957. But in its overall aspects, it does not reveal any substantial change in orientation or tactics for the immediate future.

## Disappointment for Bourgeoisie

The world bourgeoisie, which had been looking hopefully for a split between China and the Soviet Union, has been sadly disappointed.

If the Manifesto can be regarded as revealing anything new at all, it lies perhaps in the fact that it has evinced a determination on the part both of China and the Soviet Union, to avoid a disastrous break. That is all to the good.

But this does not at all mean that the differences between the Soviet and Chinese leadership, have in any way been narrowed or reconciled. Nor is it in the interest of the world proletariat or the colonial peoples of the world, that they should have been.

On the contrary, it would have been a far greater service if the Conference

had held an open discussion on the political divergencies, rather than to have covered them up with sanctimonious revolutionary phrases. After all, who is deceived by the concealment of the differences? Certainly not the imperialist bourgeoisie!

## Misrepresentation of Differences

The capitalist press throughout the world, has misrepresented from the very beginning, the real nature of the differences. They have made it appear that the Chinese CP is for war, whereas the Soviet leadership opposes it, and advocates a course whereby Communism will triumph simply by peaceful competition between the two antagonistic world social systems.

The truth of course is that neither China nor the Soviet Union have any reason whatever to be for war, as the capitalists know very well.

The real point of difference is the divergent attitudes towards imperialism. The Chinese have made it amply clear in innumerable authoritative articles in their official press, and more importantly by their deeds, that they are far more irreconcilable towards imperialism than is the present leading stratum in the Soviet Union.

Those who view the ideological struggle as merely a difference in emphasis or a difference in appraisal of the dynamics of imperialism and its inherent drive toward war, are taking a superficial view of the matter.

## Lenin's Teaching

*After all, Lenin's teaching on the nature of monopoly capitalism and the social contradictions which inevitably impel it towards imperialist war and colonial conquest, have been state doctrines in both China and the Soviet Union, and required reading even in the secondary schools.*

If all that was involved was a mere theoretical dispute arising out of different appraisals of the trends in imperialist society and the foreign policy of the ruling classes, it would scarcely cause a ripple on the scene of world politics.

The stubborn fact however, is that these theoretical and political divergen-



Lenin

cies stem from deep-going social causes, as do all serious political disputes. The ruling group in the Soviet Union is characterized by conservatism which has its roots in tremendous social privileges and emoluments. These it has arrogated to itself on the basis of Russia's past backwardness and isolation, and the abandonment of the revolutionary norms set by the early Bolshevik leaders.

The tremendous technological and social progress of the Soviet Union and the enormous increase of the standard of living of the masses as a whole, have unfortunately developed side by side with increasing social inequality between the upper and lower strata of Soviet society.

## Attitude Toward Imperialist Attack

The class conscious workers throughout the world, staunch defenders of the Soviet Union and vanguard elements of the world communist movement can close their eyes to this indubitable phenomenon only at the greatest peril.

It is this phenomenon which accounts for the conciliatory attitude of the Soviet leadership to world imperialism. This of course, is not to deny that in any armed conflict unleashed by the imperialist powers, that the Soviet

leadership stands ready to defend the Soviet Union. And we expect it to stand by China in case of imperialist attack.

But this does not at all negate the existence of the social characteristics of the Soviet ruling group as an innately conservative—not merely cautious—hierarchy, which tends far more to conciliation with imperialism in the interest of not upsetting its own privileges, than to struggle in the interests of the oppressed of the world.

## The Chinese Leadership

It is otherwise with the Chinese. The revolution is still young, and moving leftward. Social inequality is not fostered. The ruling groups are not encrusted with material privilege and the gap between them and the mass of the people, from all evidence obtainable in the West, is negligible.

Furthermore, the accumulation of material privileges is distinctly discouraged, and the links to the broad mass of the workers and the peasants, on the basis of common effort and sacrifice, is consistently on the rise.

## Ideological Conflicts and Social Roots

These are the social roots of the continuing ideological struggle between the Soviet and Chinese leaderships. And it is only in this context that one can arrive at an appreciation of the recent Manifesto and the long weeks which took to frame it in order to present a unified front to the world.



Mao Tse-tung



Khrushchev

## "Get U.S. Battleships Out of Cuba" Says United Demonstration in N. Y.

By George Fitzpatrick

The Cuban Revolution has fired the imagination of countless millions throughout the world. Further proof of this was given in front of the U.N. on Saturday, November 26th, when a picket-line called by the Fair-Play for Cuba Committee swelled to 624, going far past the original police barriers, just as the Revolution itself has gone far beyond the original "barriers" the Yankee imperialists had hoped to impose on it.

The line was called to protest the war-like act of the Yankee imperialist government in sending battleships to the Caribbean to "protect" their puppet regimes in Guatemala and Venezuela. It was in reality a prelude to open intervention against Revolutionary Cuba.

On that line were brave Cubans, many of whom raised their clear young voices in the songs of their Revolution, heroic fighters for the cause of Puerto Rican Liberation, including the 21st of March Movement, representatives of numerous other Latin American liberation movements. But the majority were North American friends of the Revolution. All united in their support of Cuba Libre.

This was not a silent line, or one dominated by pacifist illusions. The slogans raised, like the songs that were sung, were fighting ones.

They shouted "Hands Off Cuba!", "Get Out of Guantamo!", "Cuba Si! Yanqui No!", "Get the Battleships Out!" and when the counter-revolutionary lackeys appeared briefly on the other side of the street—"Al parden! Al parden!" (To the Wall! To the Wall!) as the hoodlums beat a hasty retreat under heavy police protection.

Nor did the representative of El Diario, La Prensa and the English language prostitute press have to guess the picket line's opinion of them. They were greeted by shouts of "Yellow Press! Yellow Press!" followed by a rain of pennies hurled in contempt.

Six hundred and twenty-four had made their minds known to Wall Street and in so doing conveyed a little of the spirit of the Cuban Revolution itself.

## Little Benny's Notebook

Supper was over and Mom was putting crooked things straight and straight things a little crooked. And Pop was smoking his cigar and watching television from under his eyebrows. And I was trying to do my homework. But I was really thinking:

"Every American boy can grow up to be President of the United States."

I learned that in school today. So naturally I went to the almanac to find out how much the President gets paid. I figure that I'm an American boy, so why not?

The almanac says that the President gets \$100,000 a year plus \$50,000 expense account plus some more expenses and some more extras.

That's pretty good, I think, so I ask Pop what the President has to do, and he tells me, and I still think it's good. But, then Pop says the President has to be considerably smarter than I am just yet.

Is Kennedy smart? I ask Pop and Pop says yes, he is, and I hear Kennedy's family draws down about 20 million a year income too.

Wow! says I, but they won't get that 20 million while Kennedy is so busy with being President and having his brothers in the government too. I just read in the newspaper where a government worker can't hold another job at the same time. And look how they'll lose 20 million a year which is a hundred times what the President earns.

The hell they will, says Pop. That 20 million dollars a year is just interest. They don't spend any time working for it like your old man does.

Gee, Pop, you mean they don't have to do anything for that 20 million dollars—not even brain work?

Not a thing, says Pop, except own the \$400 million worth of capital they own and sign the dividend checks. That don't take any brains at all.

Then I think maybe I'm on the wrong track trying to be President, so I ask Pop, say Pop, if it don't take any brains to own \$400 million, why can't I be a multi-millionaire, Pop?

And Pop says I got a better chance of being President.

But Pop, suppose my brain gets real good, but I don't get to be a millionaire, and I want to run for President, but I haven't got any money, then what do I do?

Shut up and do your homework, says Pop.

So I shut up and watched TV.

## Soaring Sixties

The U.S. will have

1. Increased unemployment.

2. Continuation of a "moderate" business decline for "several" months.

So said four economic experts at the University of Michigan last week.

—A year ago they were making predictions about the "Soaring Sixties."

## Yugoslav Constitution

Two weeks ago, Yugoslavia announced a new and "democratic" constitution for 1962.

One week ago, the International Monetary Fund announced a new 300 million dollar loan to Yugoslavia.

Some "Democratic Socialists" we know seem to think that Yugoslavia is coming ever closer to genuine Marxism and that the new constitution proves it.

The democratic capitalists of the International Monetary Fund know otherwise.

# 500 Nigerian Students Clash With Police! Protest Military Pact With Great Britain

By Abrahaim James  
(Our-Nigerian Reporter)

Ibadan, Nigeria — Over 500 men and women students from three higher institutions of learning, including the Ibadan University College, clashed with the police here on Monday, November 28, 1960, when they marched to the Nigerian Federal Parliament in protest against a Defense Pact signed between the Nigerian and the British Governments.

Six of the students were arrested during the clash, and they appeared at Lagos Magistrates' Court, charged with unlawful assembly. Seven Nigerian lawyers immediately offered to defend the students free of charge. The students pleaded not guilty and hearing has been fixed for December 21st.

After the hearing, hundreds of other students outside the Court carried the accused students shoulder high, with shouts of "Heroes, Heroes, Heroes!"

Many of the students traveled over 80 miles from Ibadan to Lagos, capital of the Federation of Nigeria, to lodge their "strong protest" to members of the Parliament and the Prime Minister, Alhaji Tafawa Balewa, who is at present in London holding talks with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold MacMillan.

The students carried placards with inscriptions: "No base in Nigeria," "Balewa betrays Nigeria," "MacMillan outwits Balewa," "No base, no pact," "Down with colonial mentality," "No

peace if pact is signed," "Military Pact: Are we safe?" "Pact violates Nigeria's sovereignty" and "Shame legislators!"

There was a disturbance as a British police officer ordered that the students be forced back from the Parliament. Then policemen armed with gun, baton shield and tear-gas, pounced on the students who had only placards.

The students at this stage broke loose and forced their way into the National Hall, and when the police followed them, they shouted: "Shoot us, Shoot us!" and when the police did not shoot, the students shouted back:

"Shame, Shame!"

The students later sent a memorandum to the Minister of Defense, Alhaji Muhammadu Ribadu, who is also acting as Prime Minister, in which they expressed very grave concern and utter disappointment over the Anglo-Nigerian Defense Pact.

The Pact, the students said in a memorandum: "is an absurd document, and constitutes an infringement of the principles of non-alignment which is the professed basis of the foreign policy of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria."

The memorandum adds: "By tying

this country to the military apron string of Great Britain, it weakens Nigeria's claims to the respect of the African nations and detracts some of the effectiveness of her voice in the council of the world."

The students' memorandum asked the Federal Government of Nigeria to "see through the transparent falsehood with which Great Britain has sought to cloak her real purpose, which is to secure another African base for such military operations as may be determined by the exigencies of NATO policy."

Not only the students are bitter about the pact. The Opposition members in the Parliament are also bitterly against it. Chief Obafemi Awolowo, who is also the Federal President of the Action Group (one of the three main political parties in Nigeria) told a Press Conference in Lagos sometime ago that, by the Anglo-Nigeria Pact, "Our infant nation has been disgraced and swindled out of its sovereignty."

He said that under the Agreement; "We are back to the days before October 1, 1960 (the date of Nigerian 'independence'), for we agreed to assume henceforth all the obligations and responsibilities of the UK (British) Government in so far as such may be held to have application to Nigeria."

In a statement on the students' demonstration, the Nigerian Minister of Defense, Alhaji Muhammadu Ribadu condemned the actions of the students.

In a reply to the Minister's statement, the students said they could not be coerced by any threat and would not give up the struggle against the British war-pact. This type of thing can only go on over our dead bodies," they said.



*These students are protesting the imperialist "defense" pact between Nigeria and Britain. This picture was not published in the United States—where the story is given out that "independent" Nigerians are all happy over their British tutelage.*

## A Time-Bomb is Ticking In Saudi Arabia

By R. Lieder

A time-bomb is ticking in Saudi Arabia.

The tide of the Arab Revolution is rapidly rising. While the real rulers of this and other oil-rich countries of the Middle East—and the huge oil monopolies—continue to plunder the country's wealth, the oppression of the people grows, and becomes more unbearable.

Soon the time-bomb of revolution will explode in Saudi Arabia—and throughout the entire Middle East—as it is now exploding in Latin America.

Oil was first discovered in Saudi Arabia in 1938. The oil reserves of this country are estimated to be the second largest in the world. One would think that this great store of natural wealth should have been a blessing to the people of Saudi Arabia—a means of ending their impoverishment and backwardness.

But the greedy oil monopolies had other plans. Following World War II, four U.S. corporations — Esso, Calso, Texaco, and Mobiloil (operating jointly as Aramco) — assumed control of the natural wealth of Saudi Arabia.

When U.S. imperialism walked into Saudi Arabia it found a backward, feudal country, seemingly out of touch with the rest of the world. How easy it was for them to take over: they simply bought up the royal family (the House of Saud), along with a few other wealthy tribal shieks and merchants!

In the past few years Aramco has extracted fantastic profits from Saudi Arabia, while the masses of the people

have become more oppressed and embittered.

In these few years the royal tools of U.S. imperialism, Saud and his family and friends, have not had too bad a time, what with their Cadillacs and lavish spending (Saud has been getting \$250 million a year lately).

In fact the obliging Saud, so drunk with the wealth of the U.S. imperialists handed him to help implement their own plunder, carried this lavish spending to such extremes that in 1958 the country was actually on the verge of bankruptcy!

This major crisis necessitated a minor change. Crown Prince Faisal was called in to "set the country's finances in order," while Saud took a "vacation" in Baden-Baden.

But this realignment of the pawns which U.S. imperialism uses to straight-jacket a country's wealth and its people as well, does not alter one bit the reality of imperialist oppression in Saudi Arabia.

The complete absence of a parliament or any semblance of constitutional government, a strictly controlled press censorship, the purposeful bribing of key rural Bedouin tribes to crush any embryonic revolt — all of these measures cannot possibly keep the paid hireling of U.S. imperialism from containing the swelling tidal wave of the revolution in Saudi Arabia.

Like the puppets in Egypt, Syria, and Iraq before him, Saud too will be swept away by the onrushing wave, as it gathers momentum and lashes its fury at mighty imperialism itself.

## "We Shall Not Fail You"

# Nigeria Students Pledge Solidarity With Algeria's Struggle to be Free

By Abrahaim James

....Ibadan, Western Nigeria—A female Nigerian student (Miss Julie Fawi) of Nigeria's highest educational institution—the Ibadan University College, wept bitterly as she addressed hundreds of fellow students during a rally organized by the 5,000-strong Nigerian Students' Union to mark the "Day of Solidarity with the Algerian Students in Their Struggle," here on November 1st.

Miss Fawi had recalled the atrocities committed by French Nationals in Algeria since the past six years. She said since the war broke out on November 1, 1954, Algerian blood had been flowing continuously not only in Algeria, but in refugee camps all over Europe.

Miss Fawi told how over 200 Algerian students were being packed in the same rooms without beds or mats, in these refugee camps.

As she raised her voice to call her listeners to join in singing the African Anthem, "Oh, God bless our Native Africa," she burst into tears. She was joined by several others in the crowded hall.

She made a last statement before another speaker took the floor. She said: "It is our unshakable duty to condemn outright any government whose policy blatantly conflicts with interests and rights of the citizen."

Another speaker—Dr. Olumbe Bassir (who is Senior lecturer in biochemistry at the University College) assured the oppressed students of Algeria that: "We are at one with you in your struggles for national liberation. Your fate is our fate, and we shall not fail you until your country cast aside the shackles of imperialism."

Dr. Bassir accused France of stubbornly holding to Algeria mainly because of her economic interests there.

The president of the Union, Mr. Osi-ta Okeke declared it was time to do concrete things to "help our suffering brothers in Algeria."

Mr. Okeke condemned the French Government for withholding the "inalienable" rights of the Algerian people. He added: "It beats the imagina-

tion that the French Government regards Africa's Algeria as part of Metropolitan France."

Before the Student Union resolved on its support for the Algerian students, it accused NATO, especially the United States of America, of supplying arms and money to France. It blamed the Nigerian Federal Government for giving "top priority" to France in setting up an Embassy in Nigeria immediately after our country attained independence on October 1 (while dilly-dallying with the Soviet Union's application to open an Embassy in Nigeria).

"France, of all countries," said the Student Union, "should have been considered last. It views the 'French Union' policy of the French Government as barbaric and a violation of the rights of Algerian people to independence.

It asked the Nigerian Federal Government and all other independent African Governments to make provisions in their respective budgets for regular contributions in aid of the struggling Algerians.

The meeting later gave unanimous approval to a resolution which said in part:

"We Nigerian students deeply regret this situation and pledge our unalloyed support for the cause of the Algerian students in their fight for self-determination and the independence of their country."

"We are prepared to see that the bonds of dictatorship, oppression, intolerance and colonialism as exist at present in Algeria are broken!"

### Union Progress in Africa

The Nigerian Federal Parliament has now made it legal for employers to deduct union dues from employees' pay.

Our correspondent reports that this is viewed as a move in the right direction, because it will help the trade unions to be financially strong enough to fight for the rights of the workers.

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